Infiltration from across the border

851. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate steps are being taken to check infiltration from across the border(s) in consultation with border States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The following steps have been taken to check infiltration from across the border:

(i) Close coordination with other agencies including State Governments agencies;

(ii) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;

(iii) Conduct of special operations;

(iv) Up-gradation of intelligence net work;

(v) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties;

(vi) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads;

(vii) Modernization of BSF and other police force;

(viii) Erection of flood lights on the border to day light the area during hours of darkness; and

(ix) Establishment of new BOPs to reduce inter BOP gaps.

Law and order situation in states bordering Nepal

†852. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) wheter keeping in view, the increased sensitivity of the Indo-Tibet border, the law and order situation in border States has been assessed;

(b) if so, whether these States have sought any Central Government assistance for strengthening the police force and safety of the border; and

(c) if so, the details of the assistance sought by these States and the assistance provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S REGUPATHY): (a) The Security situation in the border areas, including the Indo-Tibet border, is regularly reviewed.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) Assistance is being provided to the States for modernization of their police forces. This includes weaponry, communication equipment, surveillance equipment, mobility, etc. The details of the allocation of funds to these States in the year 2004-05 and the release thereof is given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of allocation of funds to States

(Rs. in crores)

Name of State	Allocation of funds	Release of funds (Cash and Kind)
Jammu & Kashmir	117.00	75.39
Himachal Pradesh	4.62	2.06
Uttaranchal	4.53	2.48
Sikkim	2.99	1.29
Arunachal Pradesh	4.71	3.36

(Action has already been taken to release the balance funds)

Dialogue with naxalite groups

853. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the unilateral decision of the Naxalites to withdraw from the Peace talks with the Government of Andhra Pradesh and Government of India later on issuing directions to State Government to continue the dialogue, there has been any positive progress so far; and

(b) as Naxalite problem is not confined only to Andhra Pradesh, whether Government of India propose to widen the scope of dialogue by including all groups of naxalite of different States so that ultimately uniform modalities could be evolved towards solving the long-drawn irritation between naxalite groups and the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Though the naxal outfits have announced unilateral withdrawal from the peace talks on 17.1.2005, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has expressed its commitment to continue talks while taking necessary steps to maintain law and order in the State.